

**11/7/14 Council Weekend #3**

Breakout

All Campuses represented? No

Discussion:

1. Dr. Shultz- Gen Ed. Task force- Friday Night
  - a. Dr. Shutz introduced herself and her role in the Gen Ed. Task force. The gen ed outlines have not been updated for about 20 years. She stated that the system is not broken, but rather outdated. Things need to be revised so that the information you learn is current, meaningful, and can be used in the work force. Penn State is an institution where you are expected to be well rounded in your knowledge as an educated person. Revising the program will help define what courses count as.
  - b. Beaver- Feels as though Gen Eds are forgotten. There seems to be a disconnect between the meaning of gen ed and how the class is actually run and taught. It seems like the only humanities are not interesting.
  - c. Wilkes-Barre- Feels as though gen eds are a waste of time since we are trying to take classes required by our major, yet over 30 of those credits have nothing to do with our major
  - d. York- we know what we like and what we don't like but taking gen eds allow you to try subjects in order to see if you like them or not
  - e. York- enjoys gen eds, relays on them to take a break from major required classes.
  - f. Mt. Alto- gen eds help to relieve stress in that the classes can be taken to enjoy a hobby or something unrelated to a career
  - g. Beaver- We are looking at requirements as more of an umbrella but it should be seen more as a venn diagram.
  - h. Abington- will a standardized schedule conflict with people who work?
  - i. Hazelton- Has to take a gen ed and it was tough to fit it into the schedule and would the new scheduling format fix these problems?
  - j. Berks- Is this new plan going to remain that way or move more towards a pool of gen ed courses where students can pick what they are interested in.
2. Saturday
  - a. Words words words

What progress has been made on campuses concerning current legislation?

Legislation

Issues

## Expectations

1. Of Staff
2. Of Campuses

## Agenda Items for Next Council

## Open Forum